



Remittances Bulletin

April 2023

Remittance Service Providers January to December

	2021	2022
New locations licensed	35	40
Locations voluntarily closed	25	40
Locations suspended	44	0
Number of active locations	463	507
Licences relinquished/revoked	114	73
New Licenses Issued	31	83
Total Licenses Issues	782	772
Number of primary agents in operation	6	8

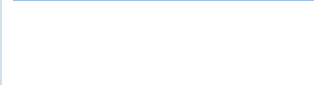
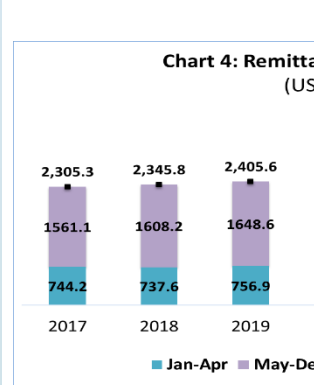
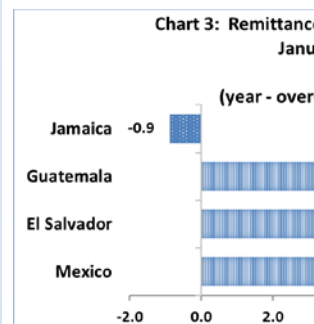
Macroeconomic Indicators (Cy)*

	2020 ⁺	2021 ⁺	2022
Remittances/Population (US\$)	976.7	1176.1	1147.4
Remittances/GDP	21.1	24.0	20.2
Remittances/Tourist Expenditure	231.3	166.9	95.0
Remittances/Exports	232.3	236.2	180.9
Remittances/FDI Inflows	893.6	1091.2	1079.3
Remittances/Imports	60.5	58.0	44.1

	April 2022	April 2023	chg	%chg	Jan-Apr 2022	Jan-Apr* 2023	chg	%chg
Total Remittance Inflows	288.9	272.0	-16.9	-5.8	1082.0	1072.4	-9.6	-0.9
Remittance Companies	252.8	235.0	-17.8	-7.0	934.4	919.3	-15.1	-1.6
Other Remittances [^]	36.1	37.0	0.9	2.5	147.6	153.1	5.5	3.7
Total Remittance Outflows	17.3	18.8	1.5	8.6	88.4	74.3	-14.1	-15.9
Net Remittances	271.6	253.2	-18.4	-6.8	993.6	998.1	4.4	0.4

* Provisional
** Growth relative to the corresponding period of the previous year
[^] Representing flows via commercial banks and building societies

* data represents %age ratios unless otherwise states
+ Revised



April 2023:

Net remittance inflows of **US\$253.2 million** for April 2023, represented a reduction of **6.8 per cent** or **US\$ 18.4 million** in comparison to April 2022 (Chart 1). This was primarily due to the **US\$16.9 million** or **5.8 per cent** reduction in total remittances, as well as an increase in remittance outflows of **US\$ 1.5 million** or **8.6 per cent**. The falloff in gross remittance inflows emanated from a decline in inflows via *Remittance Companies* of **7.0 per cent**, marginally offset by a **2.5 per cent** increase in inflows via *Other Remittances* (Table 1).

Calendar Year-to-Date 2023:

Net remittance inflows of **US\$ 998.1 million** increased by **0.4 per cent** or **US\$4.4 million** relative to the corresponding period in 2022. This growth stemmed from a reduction of **15.9 per cent** or **US\$14.1 million** in total remittance outflows partly offset by a decline of **0.9 per cent** or **US\$9.6 million** in total remittance inflows (Table 1).

Source of Remittance Inflows:

The largest source market of remittance flows to Jamaica for April 2023 continued to be the USA. Remittances from the USA accounted for **70.2 per cent**, of total flows down from the **70.8 per cent** recorded for April 2022. Other source countries which contributed a notable share of remittances for the month were UK at **10.2 per cent**, followed by Canada and the Cayman Islands at **9.4 per cent** and **6.1 per cent**, respectively (Chart 2).

Comparison with Other Countries:

For the January to April 2023 period remittance inflows to Jamaica amounted to **US\$1,072.4 million** (Chart 4). This outturn represented a decline of **0.9 per cent** relative to January to April 2022. Jamaica's decline of **0.9 per cent** is compared to the growth of **9.8 per cent**, **9.9 per cent** and **4.8 per cent** recorded by Guatemala, Mexico and El Salvador respectively.

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Appendix A: Calendar Year

Jamaica's Historical Remittances (Calendar Year)													
US\$ Millions													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Remittance Companies													
2015	139.3	144.8	166.4	160.7	169.1	166.0	167.1	162.4	160.7	166.7	145.9	186.0	1935.0
2016	136.7	151.8	171.9	173.8	166.8	164.8	167.6	168.6	169.4	161.7	152.3	193.0	1978.3
2017	143.5	152.0	179.0	167.4	172.4	167.1	169.1	165.1	166.5	158.0	147.7	182.4	1970.2
2018	143.2	147.7	182.4	164.4	172.2	176.5	168.6	173.4	164.2	166.8	150.1	184.8	1994.3
2019	140.7	148.6	175.5	169.7	172.3	162.4	176.9	182.7	163.9	167.3	163.2	183.6	2006.6
2020	154.8	156.9	161.4	150.6	212.6	234.5	254.0	241.2	228.5	231.1	201.5	262.0	2489.1
2021	211.7	212.5	279.1	254.9	264.3	258.6	275.7	225.9	258.3	253.7	237.8	279.4	3011.8
2022*	206.9	218.6	256.1	252.8	250.3	250.78	255.5	258.7	246.1	244.9	234.7	280.9	2956.3
2023*	212.5	215.7	256.1	235.0									919.3
<i>year/year growth rate (%):2022/2023</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>-1.4</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-7.0</i>									
<i>CYTD growth rate (%):2022/2023</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>-1.6</i>									
Other Remittances													
2015	26.9	23.1	27.7	26.4	20.3	22.5	23.0	23.2	22.7	24.9	25.4	24.9	291.0
2016	23.5	28.3	25.0	28.9	27.8	25.7	27.8	25.5	24.3	21.3	25.8	29.3	313.2
2017	25.7	23.8	27.5	25.3	28.0	28.0	23.8	24.5	31.5	36.9	26.4	33.8	335.1
2018	22.3	21.1	36.6	19.9	28.2	26.1	32.1	35.0	22.8	34.8	36.4	36.2	351.5
2019	25.5	23.4	41.6	31.9	35.0	31.9	36.3	31.0	29.3	37.1	36.8	39.1	398.9
2020	26.7	28.8	37.1	31.2	27.2	40.6	38.6	38.3	31.2	40.9	35.9	39.3	415.8
2021	29.3	23.4	48.4	34.0	44.2	44.0	47.9	46.8	46.2	42.1	36.7	42.3	485.2
2022*	36.8	36.0	38.7	36.1	33.1	37.6	50.0	48.5	43.8	35.4	42.7	45.0	483.9
2023*	36.1	34.8	45.2	37.0									153.1
<i>year/year growth rate (%):2022/2023</i>	<i>-1.9</i>	<i>-3.6</i>	<i>16.9</i>	<i>2.5</i>									
<i>CYTD growth rate (%):2022/2023</i>	<i>-1.9</i>	<i>-2.7</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>3.7</i>									
Total Remittance Inflows													
2014	159.3	168.3	187.3	180.5	188.7	168.3	183.2	183.9	182.0	179.7	170.8	204.9	2157.0
2015	166.2	167.8	194.0	187.2	189.4	188.4	190.0	185.6	183.4	191.7	171.3	210.9	2226.0
2016	160.3	180.1	196.9	202.7	194.5	190.5	195.3	194.1	193.7	183.0	178.1	222.3	2291.5
2017	169.2	175.8	206.5	192.7	200.3	195.0	192.9	189.5	198.0	194.9	174.2	216.2	2305.3
2018	165.5	168.8	219.0	184.4	200.4	202.7	200.8	208.4	187.0	201.5	186.5	221.0	2345.8
2019	166.2	172.0	217.1	201.7	207.2	194.3	213.3	213.7	193.2	204.3	199.9	222.7	2405.6
2020	181.5	185.8	198.5	181.8	239.7	275.1	292.6	279.5	259.7	272.0	237.4	301.3	2905.0
2021	241.0	235.9	327.5	289.0	308.5	302.6	323.6	272.7	304.5	295.9	274.5	321.6	3497.1
2022*	243.7	254.7	294.8	288.9	283.4	288.4	305.5	307.3	289.9	280.3	277.4	325.9	3440.2
2023*	248.6	250.4	301.4	272.0									1072.4
<i>year/year growth rate (%):2022/2023</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>-1.7</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>-5.8</i>									
<i>CYTD growth rate (%):2022/2023</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>-0.9</i>									
Total Remittance Outflows													
2015	18.9	18.7	19.6	20.9	14.3	15.2	22.1	21.0	19.7	20.4	19.6	22.4	232.8
2016	22.3	19.0	19.8	19.2	16.8	15.7	21.3	19.4	19.0	20.0	22.6	20.1	235.4
2017	20.0	20.9	22.6	14.8	18.9	20.5	19.7	22.1	20.7	22.0	23.4	26.4	251.9
2018	20.6	17.4	23.2	14.3	22.1	20.9	22.0	21.5	21.5	21.6	21.3	22.6	249.0
2019	20.6	20.1	20.6	26.6	24.7	21.0	22.2	22.1	20.3	20.1	24.2	20.2	262.7
2020	20.0	22.9	19.0	22.1	15.9	16.8	18.0	18.7	17.7	19.7	16.5	19.0	226.2
2021	16.6	23.4	22.3	18.3	17.8	19.3	21.2	22.4	21.7	18.0	18.1	18.0	237.1
2022*	22.9	29.9	18.3	17.3	12.3	17.0	18.2	17.5	18.3	17.5	27.2	19.2	235.5
2023*	16.5	19.9	19.2	18.8									74.3
<i>year/year growth rate (%):2022/2023</i>	<i>-28.2</i>	<i>-33.4</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>8.6</i>									
<i>CYTD growth rate (%):2022/2023</i>	<i>-28.2</i>	<i>-31.2</i>	<i>-21.9</i>	<i>-15.9</i>									
Net Remittances													
2015	147.4	149.1	174.4	166.3	175.1	173.3	167.9	164.6	163.7	171.3	151.6	188.6	1993.2
2016	138.0	161.1	177.0	183.5	177.7	174.8	174.0	174.7	174.7	163.0	155.5	202.2	2056.1
2017	149.3	154.9	183.9	177.9	181.4	174.6	173.2	167.5	177.2	172.9	150.8	189.8	2053.4
2018	144.8	151.4	195.8	170.1	178.2	181.8	178.8	186.9	165.5	179.9	165.2	198.4	2096.9
2019	145.6	151.9	196.5	175.1	182.6	173.3	191.0	191.6	172.9	184.3	175.7	202.5	2142.9
2020	161.5	162.8	179.5	159.7	223.9	258.3	274.7	260.8	242.0	252.2	220.9	282.4	2678.8
2021	224.4	212.5	305.2	270.7	290.7	283.3	302.4	250.3	282.8	277.9	256.4	303.6	3260.0
2022*	220.8	224.8	276.5	271.6	271.2	271.4	287.3	289.8	271.6	262.8	250.2	306.7	3204.6
2023*	232.2	230.5	282.1	253.2									998.1
<i>year/year growth rate (%):2022/2023</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>-6.8</i>									
<i>CYTD growth rate (%):2022/2023</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>0.4</i>									
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